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SUBJ: LENINGRAD CONFERENCE OF "DAYS OF PEACE OF THE
NORTHERN COUNTRIES"

1. BEGIN SUMMARY. REPRESENTATIVES OF "PEACE-LOVING CIRCLES
FROM NORTHERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES CONVENED IN LENINGRAD AUG 29
TO DELIBERATE AND DELIVER THEMSELVES OF PRONOUNCEMENTS ON
EUROPEAN SECURITY AND OTHER AREAS WHICH, UNSURPRISINGLY, ARE
IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDARD SOVIET POSITIONS. END SUMMARY.

2. AN ANNUAL CONFERENCE ENTITLED "DAYS OF PEACE OF THE
NORTHERN COUNTRIES" WAS HELD IN LENINGRAD AUG 29 THROUGH SEPT 2.
MEMBERSHIP OF THIS PARTICULAR INTERNATIONAL PEACE ORGANIZATION
COMPRISES EIGHT COUNTRIES, NAMELY USSR, FINLAND, SWEDEN, POLAND,
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CONFERENCE EIGHT YEARS AGO IN TALLIN AND, AS ROTATING HOST,

CHOSE LENINGRAD AS THIS YEAR'S SITE. CONFERENCE WAS REPORTEDLY ATTENDED BY SOME 300 FOREIGN DELEGATES, INCLUDING "ACTIVISTS" FROM ESTONIA, LATVIA, AND KALININGRAD. THE FIVE DAYS OF EVENTS CLEARLY INDICATED "PROGRESSIVE" NATURE AND IDENTITY OF VIEWS WITH SOVIET POSITIONS ON EUROPEAN SECURITY, ETC. LENINGRAD ORGANIZER OF THIS AFFAIR WAS M A DUDIN, CHAIRMAN OF THE LENINGRAD OBLAST" COMMITTEE OF DEFENSE OF PEACE.

MEETING WAS BILLED AS DIALOGUE ON PEACE AND COOPERATION, WITH DISCUSSIONS OF EUROPEAN SECURITY, PARTICULARLY SECURITY OF NORTHERN EUROPE AND BALTIC AREA. A PRESS CONFERENCE HELD BY MEETINGS ORGANIZERS WAS UNSURPRISING IN EXPRESSIONS OF SUPPORT AND SOLIDARITY WITH STANDARD SOVIET POSTIONS. PARTICIPANTS CALLED FOR DEVOTING ALL EFFORTS TO ACHIEVEMTN OF ALL-EUROPEAN SECURITY AND COOPERATION. CONFEREES APPROVED OF PEACEFUL CO-EXISTENCE BETWEEN STATES WITH DIFFERENT FORMS OF GOVERNMENT AS AN "ABSOLUTE CONDITION OF PREVENTING NUCLEAR CATASTROPHE." NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN US AND USSR WERE SAID TO BE AN ESSENTIAL CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS THIS END, OPENING A REALISTIC PATH TOWARDS GENERAL DISARMAMENT. IN CRITICAL COLUMN, CONFEREES NOTED THOSE AREAS OF WORLD STILL MARKED BY TENSIONS, EXPRESSING SOLIDARITY WITH PATRIOTS OF CHILE, CONDEMNING OPPONENTS OF PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT IN MIDDLE EAST, DEMANDING FULL AND EXACT FULFILLMENT OF PARIS AGREEMENTS ON VIETNAM, CALLING FOR IMMEDIATE END TO INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF CYPRUS, EXPRESSING SOLIDARITY WITH AFRICAN COUNTRIES. CONFERENCE DELEGATES DESPATCHED TWO TELEGRAMS AS PART OF THEIR ENDEAVORS. FIRST WAS TO HEADS OF DELEGATIONS AT CSCE IN GENEVA, URGING PROMPT CONCLUSION OF SECOND STAGE OF CONFERENCE AND CONVENING OF THIRD STAGE "AT HIGHEST LEVEL." SECOND TELEGRAM WAS ADDRESSED TO CHILEAN JUNTA AND DEMANDED AN END TO "NEW WAVE OF TERROR IN CHILE"; FREEING OF ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS; AND ENDING "STATE OF SIEGE" AND "CONDITION OF WAR."

4. NAMES OF SOME WESTERN PARTICIPANTS IN CONFERENCE ARE AS FOLLOWS:

KNUT LEFSNESS, CHAIRMAN, NORWEGIAN COMMITTEE OF PEACE;

MIRIAM VERA-TOUMINEN, PARLIAMENTARY DEPUTY AND GENERAL SECRETARY,
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"SUPPORTERS OF PEACE OF FINLAND";

TELLERVE KOIVISTO, CHAIRMAN, "SUPPORTERS OF PEACE OF FINLAND";

VITTORO ORILLA (PHONETIC) SECRETARY, WOULD COUNCIL OF PEACE;

HANS-DETLEFF ZEIBERT, FRG ARCHITECT;

ALLAN FRIEDRICHS, CHAIRMAN, DANIS-SOVIET SOCIETY; AND

ARVID RUNDBERG, MEMBER, SWEDISH PEACE COMMITTEE.
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